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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

IN THE CLAIMS:

All claims pending in the application are shown below in clean form. A marked up version of the claim amendments is attached.

3. (Amended) The process according to claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the transcription factor comprises separated clusters of zinc fingers.

4. (Amended) The process according to claim 1 [claim 2, or claim 3] wherein the sequence originates from a promoter region.

6. (Amended) A transcription factor produced by the process of claim 1 [, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, or claim 5].

10. (Amended) The compound produced by the process of claim 7 [, claim 8, or claim 9].

12. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition to prevent tumor invasion and/or metastasis, said pharmaceutical composition comprising:

the compound of claim 10 [or claim 11] in an amount to prevent tumor invasion and/or metastasis
in a subject, and
a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. The Applicants again request entry of the amendments as set forth in the Appendices hereto prior to examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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